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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REF D REQUEST FOR FILE SUMMARY OF HANS ULRICH ((RUDEL)) RUDEL'S VINTAGE CONTAINS DOCUMENTS DATING BACK TO 1940. RUDEL WAS ALSO AUTHORED SEVERAL BOOKS INCLUDING HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY "STUKA PILOT" RECOUNTING HIS DAYS IN THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE FILE THAT WOULD LINK RUDEL TO THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM OR EITHER WEST GERMANY, ARGENTINA OR SOUTH AFRICA. CONCUR WITH CONCLUSION THOUGH THAT GIVEN ARGENTINA'S BYZANTINE MANNER OF DOING THINGS, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. FOLLOWING IS FILE SUMMARY:

A. HANS ULRICH ((RUDEL)) AKA JUAN ULRICO RUDEL, EMILIO MEYER AND JOSE PEDRO MAYEIS, (ALSO TWO PASSPORTS UNDER THE NAMES OF FRANZ HUBER AND PAUL MEIER) DPOB: 12 JUL 16, KONRADSWALDEN, GERMANY; 201-000708 (OPENED 20 OCT 80).

B. HANS ULRICH RUDEL, A DASTOR'S SON, WAS A FAUDUS LUFTWAFFE COLONEL UNDER HITLER DURING WWII. RUDEL, A FINE STRATEGIST AND AN ACE COMBAT PILOT, SERVED ON ALL FRONTS OF THE WAR AND DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF PARTICULARLY IN THE DESTRUCTION OF RUSSIAN TANKS IN AERIAL SUPPORT OF GERMAN INFANTRY DESPITE THE LOSS OF ONE LEG IN COMBAT. AN ARTICLE IN 1956 BUENOS AIRES NEWSPAPER SAID THAT RUDEL HAD ONCE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE NEO-NAZI MOVEMENT AS THE "FURHER" TO REPLACE ADOLF HITLER.

C. IN 1949, RUDEL EMIGRATED TO ARGENTINA UNDER THE ASSUMED

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NAME OF EMIL MEYER OR MEYER. (AN ARTICLE OF JAN 56 RECOUNTED THE PROCEDURES USED BY RUDEL IN ACQUIRING ARGENTINE DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PASSPORTS AND VISAS; THESE WERE PROCEDURES QUITE ILLEGAL BUT USED BY MANY GERMANS IN 1947 AND 1948 IN ESCAPING FROM GERMANY TO ARGENTINA AND OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES.) RUDEL WAS HIRED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT (INDUSTRIAS AERONAUTICAS Y MECANICAS DEL ESTADO) IN CORDOBA AS A TEST PILOT AND INSPECTOR. HIS DAREDEVIL TACTICS COST HIM THE LOSS OF THREE JETS AFTER WHICH RUDEL WAS PUT UNDER FLYING RESTRICTIONS FOR CARELESSNESS. ARGENTINA DID NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO PURCHASE MANY AIRCRAFT NOR THE INDUSTRY WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE AND DEVELOP PLANES. THUS, RUDEL'S EMPLOYMENT CAPABILITIES WERE LIMITED. REPORTEDLY, RUDEL RECEIVED A LARGE SALARY, DID NOTHING, AND WAS DISLIKED BY A GREAT PERCENTAGE OF THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL.

D. RUDEL, A BROTHEE OF AND AN ADVISOR TO PERON, LIVED IN ARGENTINA FROM 1948 TO 1956 DURING WHICH TIME HIS PRO-NAZI TENDENCIES WERE WELL KNOWN AND DOCUMENTED. DESCRIBED AS THE LEADER OF THE GERMAN NAZI JUNTA IN BUENOS AIRES, RUDEL FREQUENTLY TRAVELLED TO GERMANY (AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR), AUSTRIA, CHILE, AND POSSIBLY OTHER PLACES TO LECTURE OR ATTEND MEETINGS ON THE NAZI DOCTRINE AND WEST GERMAN POLITICS. WHILE IN CHILE, RUDEL GAVE LECTURES SHARPLY CRITICIZING THE WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR AND HIS POLICY OF WEST GERMAN REARMAMENT. RUDEL ALSO REQUESTED PRO-NAZI POLITICIANS IN CHILE TO PUT PRESSURE ON JOANEZ GOVT NOT TO CARRY OUT THE MUTUAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE PACT SIGNED WITH U.S.

E. RUDEL WAS ALSO VERY INVOLVED IN GERMAN POLITICS IN THE EARLY 50'S AND WAS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF GERMAN RIGHTIST POLITICS (GERMAN REICH PARTY). RUDEL WAS IN GERMANY IN SEPT 53 GIVING SPEECHES ABOUT THE RECENT GERMAN ELECTION (FOR WHICH HE HAD CONSIDERED RUNNING) AND HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY GERMAN REARMAMENT OR ALIGNMENT TO THE EAST OR THE WEST.

2. POSSIBLE SOVIET/EAST GERMAN CONNECTIONS

A. SEVERAL REFERENCES IN THE FILE INDICATED POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN RUDEL AND THE U.S.S.R. EARLY IN 1950, RUDEL, IN GERMANY, WAS THOUGHT TO BE IN THE DAY OF THE SOVIETS BECAUSE DURING HIS SPEECHES, HE EXPUNDED THE VIEW THAT GERMANY SHOULD NOT LIFT A FINGER AGAINST SOVIET CONQUEST OF GERMANY AND EUROPE AS, IN

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TIME; GERMANY COULD DO BETTER WITH THE RUSSIANS THAN WITH THE WEST.

B. IN 1951, AN ARGENTINE ATOMIC SCIENTIST STATED THAT SOVIET AGENTS, EMPLOYING GERMAN PERSONNEL, ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN ARGENTINE ATOMIC SECRETS. THE SCIENTIST CLAIMED RUDEL WAS SOVIET AGENT. (THIS REPORT WAS NOT FURTHER SUBSTANTIATED.)

C. IN 1952, RUDEL HAD REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO GERMANY SETTING UP HIS HQ IN EAST BERLIN WITH INTENTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-U.S. ACTIVITIES WHILE MAINTAINING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. IT WAS REPORTED THAT RUDEL WAS DENIED AN EXIT VISA FROM ARGENTINA TO GERMANY IN JUNE 1954 BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA BY THE BONN GOVERNMENT, AND HIS TRIP COULD HAVE DISTURBED GERMAN-ARGENTINE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

D. RUDEL APPLIED FOR A VISA TO THE U.S. IN JAN 55 FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOURISM AND CONVERSATIONS WITH EDITORS, BUT DUE TO HIS ACTIVE AND VULGAR NAZI TENDENCIES, HE RECOMMENDED VISA REQUEST BE DENIED UNDER PROVISIONS OF SEC 212 (c) (27) OF IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT. (IN NOV 1954 RUDEL WROTE, IN GERMANY, TO AN ASSOCIATE THAT, "IT WILL INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT I CANNOT OBTAIN A VISA FOR THE U.S.; PERHAPS IT WOULD BE EASIER IF I WERE A COMMUNIST.")

3. RUDEL, AFTER THE FALL OF BERON IN 1956, WAS FORCED TO EMIGRATE TO BRAZIL. AN ARTICLE IN EARLY 1956 RECOUNTED SOME OF RUDEL'S NAZI HISTORY. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, GERMAN NAZI LEADERS HAD URGED RUDEL TO RETURN TO GERMANY AND TAKE OVER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NAZI MOVEMENT. (ACCORDING TO 1956 REPORT, RUDEL HAD ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE NAZI PARTY IN GERMANY AND HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.) THE SAME ARTICLE REPORTED THAT RUDEL, AFTER HAVING ATTENDED A GATHERING OF COMMUNIST, ANTI-U.S., FORMER NAZIS IN GERMANY, WAS TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S.S.R. OR EAST GERMANY. RUDEL HAD BEEN LIVING IN VERY LUXURIOUS FASHION IN ARGENTINA, AND IT WAS SPECULATED THAT HE WAS FINANCED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

4. FROM 1958 TO ABOUT 75, RUDEL, KNOWN AS A LADIES MAN OF GREAT MAGNITUDE AND WEALTH, WAS INVOLVED IN VARIOUS BUSINESS DEALINGS. IT WAS REPORTED THAT RUDEL, WHILE IN ARGENTINA, WORKED AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR SEVERAL WEST GERMAN FIRMS IN LATIN AMERICA AND CONTINUED IN THIS LINE OF WORK UPON HIS MOVE TO BRAZIL IN

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1956. (AT THAT TIME, A USAF OFFICER STATED THERE WAS NO INFORMATION RUDEL WAS REPRESENTING ANY GERMAN FIRMS AND OFFICER COMMENTED THAT, IF RUDEL WAS A REP OF GERMAN FIRMS, THEY WOULD BE EAST GERMAN.) IN 1976, ASUNCION STATION REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH RUDEL HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN NEO-NAZI ACTIVITIES IN THE 40'S AND 50'S, HE APPEARED QUITE RESPECTABLE AND WORKED FOR SEVERAL GERMAN FIRMS SUCH AS SIEMENS AND HOPST-LEHMAYER.

5. RUDEL HAD CONNECTIONS WITH THE MINISTERS OF TRADE IN PARAGUAY AND BRAZIL AND WAS WORKING FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S TRUJILLO AND PARAGUAY'S STROESSNER (RUDEL PURCHASED AMMUNITION, SMALL ARMS AND AIRCRAFT FOR PARAGUAY, ARGENTINA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC). IN 1974, RUDEL (THEN LIVING IN SAO PAULO) HAD MEETINGS WITH STROESSNER WITH WHOM RUDEL HAD SEVERAL COMMERCIAL DEALINGS.

6. POLITICALLY, RUDEL REMAINED AN ACTIVE NAZI SUPPORTER AND FREQUENTLY TRAVELLED TO GERMAN COLONIES IN PARAGUAY AND BRAZIL SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE NAZI VIEWPOINT. RUDEL ALSO COLLECTED FUNDS FROM GERMAN IMMIGRANTS FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY EX-GERMAN SOLDIERS. THIS MONEY WAS REPORTEDLY DIVERTED TO SUPPORT HIS NAZI POLITICAL ACTIVITY RATHER THAN NEEDY SOLDIERS. THIS WAS ONE OF REASONS FOR RUDEL'S THEN "UNPOPULARITY" (NFI) IN GERMANY. RUDEL WAS ALSO REPORTED AS ACTIVELY WORKING TO RETURN PEDON TO POWER. RUDEL ALSO CONTINUED TO MAKE NUMEROUS TRIPS TO GERMANY TO RENEW HIS GERMAN CITIZENSHIP, MAINTAIN HIS POLITICAL CONTACTS, AND OVERSEE THE PUBLICATION OF BOOKS HE WROTE ON THE NAZI CAUSE. RUDEL GREETED FRIENDS WITH THE FAMILIAR HITLER SALUTE.

7. FROM MID-1970'S TO THE PRESENT, RUDEL'S 201 CONTAINS STATE MESSAGES WHICH ADVISED OF RUDEL'S REQUESTS FOR VISAS TO THE U.S. WHICH WERE GRANTED. STATE OFFICERS DESCRIBED RUDEL AS AN AGING MAN WITH LIMITED USE OF THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS BODY AND A LIMP (IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER STATE OFFICIALS KNEW RUDEL WAS FITTED WITH ARTIFICIAL LEG). SINCE 1976, RUDEL HAD BEEN VISITING THE HAYO CLINIC FOR TREATMENT OF HIS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND PARTIAL PARALYSIS CAUSED BY A STROKE. THESE VISA REQUESTS WERE INITIATED EITHER IN ASUNCION (RUDEL'S PRIMARY ADDRESS) OR VIENNA (SITE OF A SUMMER HOME). RUDEL TRAVELLED WITH HIS WIFE, URSULA ERICA RUDEL (NEE BASSFELD) (DPOB: 20 MAR 48, GERMANY). WAS WAS JUST RECEIVED STATE TRAFFIC WHICH ADVISES RUDEL WAS APPLIED FOR THREE-WEEK STAY AT HAYO CLINIC IN LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL.

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